furnish his response. Director, AIIMS has submitted his preliminary response before the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi and matter is *sub-judice.*

Donations from Bill Gates Foundation

1285. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has shown keen interest to lend its helping hand in eradicating some deadly diseases in the country;

(b) if so, the funds released to each disease by the Foundation during the last three years;

(c) the funds utilized especially in Andhra Pradesh, disease-wise; and

(d) the number of patients benefited in each category, gender-wise, urban-wise and rural-wise in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Yes, Sir. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) funds research, development and targeted interventions for prevention and control of HIV/AIDS in six States.

(b) As per information provided by the Foundation Rs. 317.01 crores have been disbursed so far. Out of which, Rs. 132.98 crores in 2004-05 and Rs. 184.03 crores in 2005-06 have been disbursed respectively.

(c) Rs.31.77 crores have been disbursed so far for HIV/AIDS prevention and control programme in Andhra Pradesh.

(d) A total of 1,16,500 beneficiaries were covered in Andhra Pradesh which includes 89,000 female sex workers and 27,500 male sex workers and transgender. Roughly 70,000 beneficiaries were from the urban areas and 46,500 from the rural areas

Bird flu control measures

1286. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) has reported resurgence of dreaded Avian Influenza in India;

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take in this regard;

(c) whether Government are fully equipped in case of new flare ups of bird flu in the country; and

(d) if not, the advance steps being taken to keep such menace under check by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (d) There was a news-item dated 20th February, 2007 in the Kolkata edition of Hindustan Times captioned "Deadly bird flu strain in Burdwan chickens". This was found to be factually not correct. Department of Animal Husbandry has issued a rebuttal immediately which appeared in the Hindustan Times dated 21st February, 2007.

Government have preparedness plans and appropriate infrastructure to meet any bird flu outbreak.

Caesarian deliveries

1287. SHRI PENUMALLI MADHU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 70 per cent of deliveries are taking place in private hospitals through caesarians; and

(b) whether any such data is available which gives details regarding deliveries taking place in private hospitals in different States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) Data on deliveries conducted by Private Sector is presently captured through surveys like District Level Household Survey (DLHS) and National Family Health Survey (NFHS). According to DLHS - II Survey (2002-04), out of the total deliveries 59% of deliveries take place at home, 21.8% in private institutions and 18.7% in public institutions. The same survey also indicates that out of the total caesarian section deliveries, 65.4% were conducted in private institutions and 30.4% caesarian section deliveries were conducted in public institutions.

According to NFHS-II Survey (1998-99) out of the total deliveries during the survey period 65.4% deliveries took place at home, 16.7% in private